

THE READER



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Letter from the President

by Judy Nordstrom, President

Dear CLD members and friends,

For many of us the first rated horse show of the year has come and gone. It was unfortunate that we were not able to prepare with our Icebreaker schooling show this year, but Mother Nature wasn't cooperating with us. With over an inch of rain forecasted for our area, we made the decision to cancel. It turned out to be quite a miserable day.

It's hard to believe that our CLD Classic horse show is just a few short weeks away! We have many volunteering opportunities available for those who would like to help out at the show. It will be held on June 27th-28th this year. It's also a great chance to come out and socialize with your friends and share the love of our equines! Please contact Kim Jones, our Volunteer Coordinator, if you are so inclined. Our show relies heavily on our volunteers and we couldn't possibly do what we do without them!

I wish everyone a safe and successful show season!

Judy Nordstrom, President president@centerlinedressage.com

Memorial - Dorothy Walcher

Join the horse community for a memorial tree planting in honor of Dorothy Walcher, Marilyn Weber's mother, who passed away over the winter. The planting will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 2 pm at Marilyn's farm in Chesterfield. There will be a potluck to follow.

R.I.P Champion's Devito

(May 17, 2005 - February 16, 2015)



Champ at the inaugural USDF Nationals in 2013. Photo by Lisa Lehr, StarWest

Of the 25+ foals he sired the majority of them inherited his beautiful dun coloring and all of them possessed his wonderful temperament. Champion's Devito was the USDF Adult Amateur Champion at First Level in 2013 with a median score of 74.083% and was

It is with profound sadness that we must share devastating news of the loss of Paige Schlicksup and Radnor Sport Horse's dun colored German Riding Pony stallion Champion's Devito.

Champ was imported as a yearling from the Thuringia region of Germany. His sire was FS Champion's DeLuxe and his dam sire was FS Don't Worry, two of the top GRP stallions in Germany today. He was permanently licensed with the ISR/Oldenburg N.A. registry in 2010.



Champ & Paige Schlicksup. Photo courtesy of Paige Schlicksup



Champ & Paige Schlicksup at the Region 4 Championships in 2014. Photo by Martin Kuhn, StarWest

the USDF Region 4 Champion at First Level. In 2014, Champ was the USDF Region 4 Champion at Second Level and Res. Champion at Second Level Freestyle. Champ had picked up flying changes easily this winter and was ready to make his Third Level debut.

Champ was a once in a lifetime equine partner and though there will be other horses none will ever fill his shoes. We are thankful to have what will be his last two foals due on our farm in April and are hoping at least one will be a colt to continue his lineage in the US.

We're Moving From August to June – One Weekend, Two Shows to Qualify!

**Centerline Dressage Classics I and II
June 27–28th, 2015
Springfield, Illinois**

32nd Annual Centerline Dressage Classic I

Saturday, June 27, 2015, USEF/USDF #2556

10th Annual Centerline Dressage Classic II

Sunday, June 28, 2015 USEF/USDF # 322219

Location of Shows: IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL, corner of Sangamon and Peoria Road
Exit off I-55 at Exit #100 (Sangamon Ave.) and go West.

Officials

Judge, 'S' Lisa Schmitt

Judge, 'S' Carter Bass

Technical Delegate Jean Kraus

Manager John Simpson

Secretary Jeanne Craver

Awards

Dressage Foundation Benefit Class

USDF Benefit Class

Dover Adult Amateur Medal Program

James L. Kuhn Mem. Trophy for the High Point Junior or Young Rider

Cheryl L. Finke Memorial Trophy for the High Score Musical Freestyle

Bandana Memorial Trophy for the High Score Non-Traditional Breed

Breeds Awards: Trakehner, Saddlebred, Arabian and Dutch Warmblood

High Point Cash Awards for Training through Grand Prix

Hospitality

Friday Night Exhibitors Dinner

Snacks and Treats

A Friendly Office

GAIG/USDF Qualifying Show

Divisions: Junior Rider/Young Rider – Adult Amateur – Open

Classes

USDF Intro A, B and C

Training, Test 1, 2 and 3

First, Test 1, 2 and 3

Second, Test 1, 2 and 3

Third, Test 1, 2 and 3

Fourth, Test 1, 2 and 3

Prix St. George

Intermediate

Grand Prix

Musical Freestyle - Test of Choice, Pas de Deux

Dressage Rider Tests (Test of Choice: Training, First, Second Level)

Young Horse Classes

Dressage Equitation

Materiale



Illinois

The Prairie State

www.centerlinedressage.com

CenterLine Dressage is hosting two USEF/USDF approved horse shows at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on June 26 – 27, 2015.

CenterLine Dressage’s mission is to promote interest in and further the knowledge of dressage, to conduct dressage events and activities, and to provide educational forums.

We have hired nationally known judges and other officials. In the past, our show has attracted competitors from all parts of Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin. Owners, riders, stable helpers, and family members help our local hotels and restaurants at \$125 per person, per day, according to the Springfield Convention Business Statistics.



The show is made possible by a large number of volunteers and our sponsors. Thank you for your support!

We would appreciate your help in making our show a success.

- Did you know? USDF members are Adult Amateurs, trainers, instructors, show managers and Junior/ Young Riders.
- Did you know? 97% of members own at least one horse.
- Did you know? 37% own more than 5 acres of land.
- Did you know? 28% have an income of \$150,000 or more
- Did you know? There are over 10,000 horses and ponies in Central Illinois

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April 4, 2015 CLD Executive Board Meeting

@ StarWest; Judy Nordstrom presiding

President Judy Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Sue Graham, Lisa Lehr (carrying Martin Kuhn's proxy), Alice Martin (carrying Kelly Griffith's proxy), and Marilyn Weber (carrying Paula Briney's proxy) were also in attendance.

Symposium

Kate reported Susanne von Dietze will be able to do a clinic for CLD in June, probably on week days. Her travel to the US has not yet been set.

Treasurer's Report

Katie reported a balance of \$3,678.39 in the checking account, \$25,366.20 in CD's, and a net loss \$1,639.84 in 2015.

Web Master Report

Alice reported for Webmaster Martin Kuhn. Traffic was noticeably up from the previous report, with a majority of traffic coming from new visitors. One newsletter has been published since the last meeting. We now have 126 subscribers, with about 60% opening the issue.

Social Media

Lisa reported 321 likes on our FaceBook page.

IceBreaker

- Teresa and Lisa reported awards are all set for IceBreaker.
- Sue reported things are progressing well for IceBreaker. She is buying a few awards.
- Katie donated two bucket holders to the prize basket.
- John Simpson is copying the tests.
- After reviewing the Omnibus, Marilyn made corrections to the current listing.

Classic I & II

Judy reported for John Simpson.

- In order to cut costs for the exhibitor's Friday night dinner, John contacted Schnucks about their catering options. They will provide 200 pieces of fried chicken, 20 pounds of slaw, plates, plastic ware and paper ware for 80 people for \$325. CLD should be able to supply drinks for everyone and we will not exceed \$5 per head.
- John and Nancy will furnish cookies for dessert and officers will supply chips.
- Marilyn motioned, and Teresa seconded, to go with Schnuck's for Classic's dinner. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

Dorothy Walcher Memorial

The board previously voted to provide a tree in memory of Marilyn Weber's mother, Dorothy Walcher. The tree planting ceremony, to honor Dorothy, will be at 2 pm on May 23rd at Marilyn's farm in Chesterfield, IL. All friends of Dorothy and Marilyn are invited to attend the tree planting ceremony and potluck that will follow the planting. Brisket, cake and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

New Business

Judy will ask Nancy Simpson to be the sponsorship chair. The form for sponsorships and ads are in the July 2014 edition of The Reader. From \$100, for a full page ad in the program, to \$20 for a class sponsorship, each board member can purchase an ad and/or sell a sponsorship for the show.

The next meeting is set for Saturday, May 9, at 2 pm in the StarWest lounge. Lisa motioned to close the meeting and Marilyn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Martin, Recording Secretary

Calling all Volunteers!

CLD Classic is right around the corner June 25th and 26th and we need all the help we can get. Volunteers are the backbone of the CLD shows. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please contact volunteer coordinator Kim Jones at 217-741-6776 or email kimbr99@yahoo.com

Looking to complete the L Education Program?

There are still has a few spots available in the Part 2 hosted by Central Tennessee Dressage Association and the Part 2 hosted by Foothills Chapter of CDS. For dates, locations, and contact information, visit the Education Calendar at USDF.org

Check Out the Updated All-Breeds Participating Organizations List

USDF welcomes the International Friesian Show Horse Association and the Gypsy Horse Association as Participating Organizations (PO) for the Adequan®/USDF All-Breeds Award program. View the current list of 2015 All-Breeds PO's for more information. To declare your horse for the Adequan/USDF All-Breeds Awards program, follow the instructions on the All-Breeds Awards Declaration Form.

From the Editor

Kim Jones, Reader newsletter editor

As the show season kicks off, let's all remember to be good competitors. A year ago in the *Reader* we had a discussion about good sportsmanship. The discussion ended with the realization that we all have a different perspective. No one sees the same things you see. No one interprets what they see the same way you do.

Remembering that we all see things differently is the first step toward peace in any situation. Remembering that we're all doing the best we can is the next step. Understanding begins from these places.

Success is measured differently by different people. For some, merely coming down center line represents a huge success over what they and their horse were capable of previously. If we can accept that, we can truly be supportive of our fellow club members and competitors. We are, after all, really only competing against ourselves and the job we've done previously. If we can improve the level of sportsmanship in our club, spectators and new competitors will see a positive environment that they want to be a part of. In turn, our club may see a rise in membership which is how we flourish.

Enjoy the 2015 season, good luck to all.

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Each year grants and scholarships are awarded to riders of all ages and levels, instructors, judges, breeders, and non-profit organizations. Could you be our next grant recipient?

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- Heldenberg Training Center Fund

YOUTH

- Carolyn Van Cise Fund
- Heldenberg Training Center Fund
- Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund
- Trip Harting Fund
- Young Rider International Dream Program

INSTRUCTORS

- Captain Jack Fritz Young Professionals Grants
- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- Karen Skvarla Fund
- Major Anders Lindgren Scholarships
- Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund
- Trip Harting Fund
- USDF Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award

JUDGES

- Edgar Hotz Judges Fund
- Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund
- Trip Harting Fund

BREEDERS

- Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence

HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS

- Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize
- Patsy Albers Award

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- Dancing Horse Fund
- Edgar Hotz Judges Fund
- Michael Poulin Dressage Fund
- Sally Swift Memorial Fund
- Violet Hopkins Fund



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Donors to The Dressage Foundation provide opportunities for adult amateurs, youth, high performance teams, judges, instructors, and breeders to continue their dressage education. The generosity of these donors has created a stronger dressage community in the United States, and we need your help to continue our mission.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL

From our Board of Directors to Selection Committee Members and State Representatives, The Dressage Foundation's volunteers provide guidance and support for our organization. We are proud and appreciative of all our supporters who give of their time and expertise. They make both the quality and quantity of our work possible.

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Your donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated!



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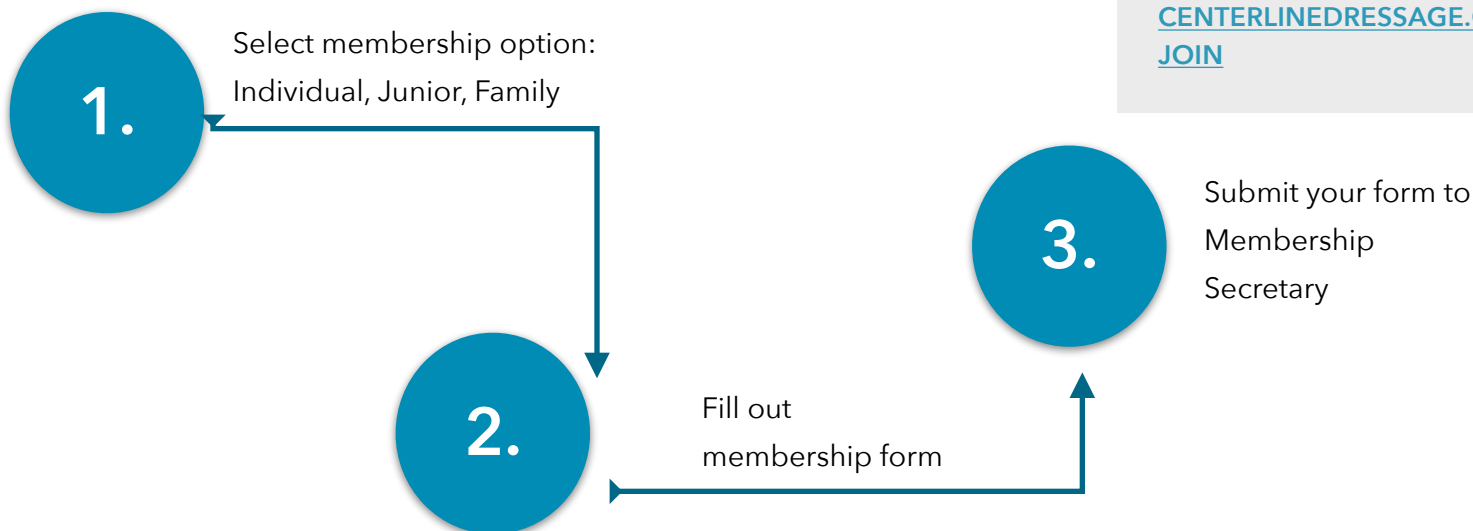


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